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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. Section 132-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is			
2	amended to read as follows:			
3	" §132-3 Adoption of state fire code. [The] (a) Prior to			
4	July 1, 2009, the state fire council [shall], after public			
5	hearings pursuant to chapter 91, <u>shall</u> adopt [prior to July 1,			
6	$\frac{1979_{r}}{r}$] a state fire code setting forth minimum requirements			
7	[relative to] <u>for</u> the protection of persons and property from			
8	fire loss, including [without-limitation:]:			
9	(1) [the] The storage, handling, and use of hazardous			
10	substances, materials, and devices; and			
11	(2) [the] <u>The</u> control of conditions hazardous to life or			
12	property in the design, use <u>,</u> or occupancy of buildings			
13	and premises.			
14	(b) The state fire code[, insofar as is practicable,]			
15	<pre>shall [complement_r]:</pre>			
16	(1) <u>Complement</u> , augment, and be consistent in form and			
17	language with the building and other codes of the			
18	respective counties [-]; and			
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1	(2)	Incl	ude:	
2		(A)	Road standards for fire equipment access;	
3		(B)	Sign standards to expedite the identification of	
4			streets, roads, and buildings; and	
5		(C)	Minimum private water supply reserve for	
6			emergency fire use; and	
7		(D)	Fuel breaks and green belts. As used in this	
8			paragraph:	
9			"Fuel break" means a wide strip of land from	
10	2		which the native vegetation is permanently	
11			reduced or removed so that fires can be more	
12			readily extinguished.	
13			"Green belt" means an area of land on which	
14			development is strictly controlled.	
15	(C)	Upon	adoption by the state fire council, the state	
16	fire code	shal	l be transmitted to the respective county councils	
17	[which may	/, by	ordinance, either] for the county councils to	
18	either ena	act [·	its] <u>the</u> provisions <u>of the state fire code</u> or	
19	enact more stringent provisions relating to the protection of			
20	persons and property against fire loss; provided that the county			
21	councils may enact less stringent provisions with the prior			
22	written approval of the state fire council.			



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1	(d) The state fire council shall meet annually to review
2	and amend the state fire code."
3	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
5	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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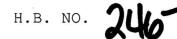
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Amends the state fire code to include road and sign standards, minimum private water supply reserves, fuel breaks, and green belts to improve fire protection.

